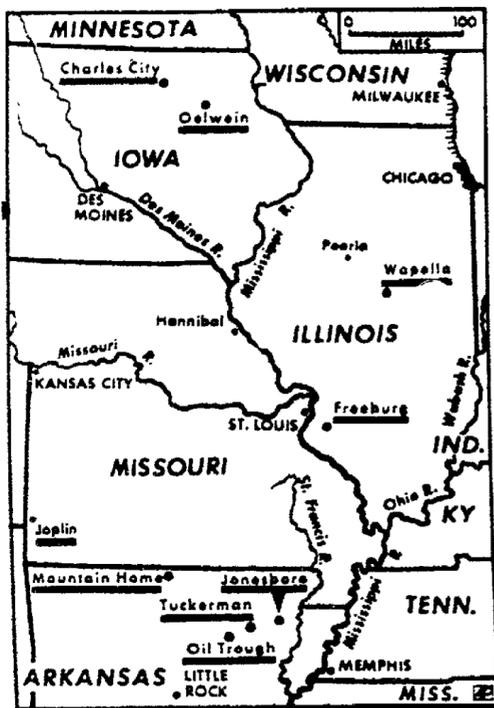


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70 Killed In Outbreak Of Twisters

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A massive outbreak of tornadoes slammed at the nation's midsection late Wednesday, killing more than 70 persons, injuring several hundred and leaving a trail of damage estimated in the millions of dollars.

The toll of deaths in the twisters and severe thunderstorms climbed to 72 today, with 48 dead in Arkansas alone, Iowa counted 14 dead, Illinois 8, Missouri and Indiana 1 each.

As expected, the reported toll climbed sharply as daylight broke over the stricken region. Darkness and flash flooding had hampered search operations.

Hardest hit was the northeastern Arkansas university city of Jonesboro which counted 33 dead and more than 350 injured. A twister slammed into the southeastern section of the city at dusk scattering homes like dominoes.

Arkansas State Police reported 10 dead at the little town of Oil Trough, a community of 235 residents which eyewitnesses said was virtually destroyed. Three died at Mountain Home and two were killed at Tuckerman, all within 100 miles of Jonesboro.

The rash of tornadoes — the Weather Bureau reported more than 30 in a nine-state area from Kansas to Ohio — erupted as a strong cold front clashed with warm, humid temperatures in the mid 80s.

Shortly before striking in Arkansas, the wave of twisters raked northeastern Iowa. A funnel cloud roared through downtown Charles City around 4 p.m. Eleven were dead when the storm was over and, police reported, most buildings in an eight-block area were demolished.

Only one hour later a twister whipped into Oelwein, 50 miles from Charles City, striking first at the south edge of the community and then blasting a path through the business section. The Iowa highway patrol said one person was killed, two were missing and a child was reported killed just north of the city.

National Guard troops were called out both in Arkansas and Iowa. Additional doctors, nurses and blood were flown to stricken parts of Iowa from as far away as Minneapolis.

The storms in Arkansas poured more heavy rain on sections of that state still flooded from heavy downpours earlier in the week.

Tornadoes or severe thunderstorms swept almost the entire length of Illinois, starting before noon Wednesday and continuing into the night.

Hardest hit in Illinois was Freeburg, near East St. Louis, where four dead and scores of injured were reported.

2 Massive Earthquakes Rock Japan

TOKYO (AP) — Two massive earthquakes, striking 10 hours apart, jolted the western Pacific and jolted 600 miles of Japan's eastern seaboard today.

The first quake, in mid-morning, killed at least 25 persons and caused tidal waves and widespread damage.

The second, of similar size and from the same direction at sea, was recorded in Tokyo at 7:42 p.m.

There was no immediate report of casualties from the second shock, but the Central Meteorological Agency warned in radio and television broadcasts that tides from the Pacific would rise about six feet.

The affected areas were the eastern seaboard of the northern islands of Honshu and Hokkaido.

Police said in addition to the 25 known dead, eight persons were missing and at least 50 injured. Seven Americans at Misawa Air Force Base, in northern Honshu, suffered minor injuries, but no planes were damaged.

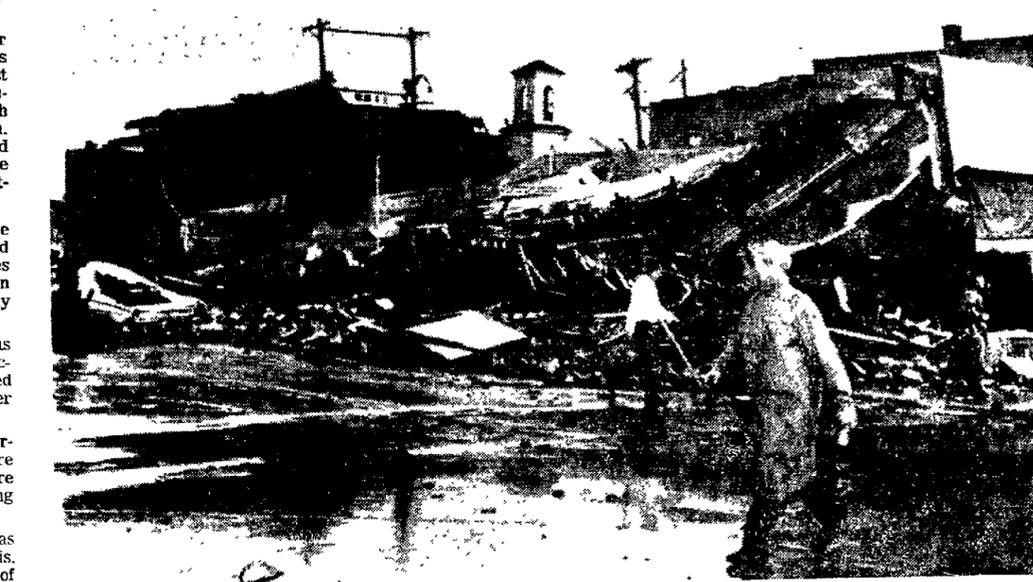
It wasn't as bad as it might have been because the quake's epicenter was 93 miles out to sea, off Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island.

2 Tornadoes Kill 14 In Northeast Iowa



Devastation at Oelwein, Charles City

Separate tornadoes that swept through northeast Iowa Wednesday night flattened downtown sections of Oelwein and Charles City. A tenant of the demolished Grand Hotel in Oelwein (above) sifts through the wreckage. It was first thought that a number of roomers at the hotel had died,



'Poor Planning' Seen Possibility On Melrose; Councils Questioned

By ROBERT G. HIBBS Press-Citizen Staff Writer

Melrose will serve as the area's major west side traffic artery, both as an access to the new West High School and the proposed 518 Freeway, as well as the most direct route to the University of Iowa's Hawkeye Apartments complex.

Chairman Allan D. Vestal, without citing either Iowa City or University Heights through which the street runs, pointedly questioned Council representatives from both communities about planning of development of the street.

Serious Problem Believed Developing in Peace Talks

PARIS (AP) — A serious disagreement appears to be developing in the Paris peace talks over re-establishing an effective buffer zone between North and South Vietnam as an important step toward scaling down the war.

U.S. authorities, analyzing the problem are reported to believe that the discussions so far show it to be a real issue.

North Vietnamese representatives Xuan Thuy, demanded Wednesday that the United States halt all military actions against North Vietnam, including "the bombardment of artillery based in the southern part of the DMZ" as well as air strikes there and elsewhere.

He also demanded that the United States withdraw from the zone, but U.S. officials said neither the United States nor its allies had established bases or sent troops into the zone for other than brief sweep operations.

The North Vietnamese have been reported to have entire divisions in that area, operating freely between their own and South Vietnamese territory.

In another area the United States is working on proposals to support any Vietnam settlement with a peacemaking system run by neutral Asian nations.

Diplomatic officials reporting this today, said the idea is to provide more effective supervision than has been provided by the powerless Indochina Central Commission made up of India, Poland and Canada.

Where Twisters Hit

Communities in Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri were severely damaged by tornadoes Wednesday night. Death tolls continued to mount today as rescue workers sorted through wreckage in the cities. Jonesboro, Ark., was the worst hit area, where more than 40 persons are reported killed. (AP Wirephoto)

6 Miners, Presumed Dead, Safe

HOMINY FALLS, W. Va. (AP)—Six coal miners, isolated deeply in a flooded mine shaft and presumed dead for nearly 10 days, were rescued today. All were termed in "good shape."

"Thank you, God," said Larry Lynch, the first to reach the mine entrance in pre-dawn darkness this morning. "You have delivered us from this living death...I made a vow all six of us would be out here together to thank the Lord."

Four other men trapped in the same area were found dead and their bodies were brought to the mine opening about 7 a.m. (CDT), about four hours after the six reached safety.

One report yet to be confirmed was that two of the dead men drowned while trying to run from the wall of water as it broke into the mine. There was no report on how the other two died but officials said they presumed they drowned. Autopsies will be performed later today.

Another 15, who were trapped just before noon on May 6 when water poured in from an adjoining and abandoned mine, were rescued last Saturday.

The six paused for prayer at the mine entrance, received quick medical checkups and were sped by ambulances to Sacred Heart hospital in Richwood, 15 miles away.

"Who said miracles don't happen?" shouted one miner as he alighted from an ambulance at the hospital's entrance. "People say God is dead but he's alive and here with us."

The men sipped hot chocolate in their hospital beds. All appeared cheerful and unharmed but hospital authorities barred newsmen from talking to the

New Apartment Building Collapses in London; 10 Die

LONDON (AP) — The side of a 23-story apartment building in London's East End collapsed after an explosion at dawn today. Ten persons perished and one was missing.

Police said three bodies had been recovered from the wreckage.

Seven occupants of the building were taken to a hospital and others said there was little hope of their survival.

Firemen pulled tons of debris from the crumpled side of the building but rescue teams were called off because of the danger of falling walls.

Authorities said evidence of an explosion was found near a site on the 18th floor of the building, which was completed only two months ago.

One man on the 19th floor slept through the whole thing. "We smashed his door down and he came out in his pajamas," a police officer said. "He had his legs on a chair and his head on a pillow. Then he saw his living room had disappeared," a fireman said.

700 Injured In Oelwein, Charles City

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Separate tornadoes ripped paths of devastation through two northeast Iowa cities late Wednesday, leaving at least 14 dead and property damage reckoned in the millions of dollars.

The Red Cross said 2,000 homes in a 105-square block area were destroyed with ma-

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for damage to another 1,000 homes and 15 businesses destroyed in Charles City.

It said 367 persons at Charles City were injured with 150 still hospitalized this morning, and 326 were injured in Oelwein, with 30 still in the hospital.

Gov. Harold Hughes flew to the stricken cities to view the damage and extend state help this morning. He was told by Oelwein Mayor Sam Mazzotti that damage in that community would run "a conservative \$14 million."

Mazzotti also said three of the injured were in critical condition, and seven persons were missing.

There were fears the death toll would rise as workers searched the debris.

Authorities counted 11 persons dead in Charles City. Another death was reported at Oelwein, and two more at the small town of Maynard, just north of Oelwein.

An insurance adjuster, Hal Lubbert of Mason City, estimated damage in Charles City at \$18 million.

A tornado roared through the center of the downtown business district of Charles City, population 10,419 about 4 p.m.

Gary Mossman working in an office building, said there was "a tremendous roar and a great vacuum. It also looked like two funnels."

"It jumped over our hospital, by the grace of God, stepped down again and started walking a path right through town," he said.

About an hour later Oelwein population 8,282, was struck by a twister that moved in from the south edge of the city and blasted a path through the business section.

Dean Meyer, an engineer with Radio Station KOEL, was broadcasting a tornado warning when the funnel truck

"God help me!" cried Meyer as the station tower came crashing down. He was not injured.

In Charles City, most buildings in an eight-block area were demolished. The highway partial said.

Floyd County Memorial Hospital at Charles City overflowed with the injured. Others were taken to hospitals at nearby Mason City and other communities.

Gov. Hughes ordered National Guard troops and available highway patrolmen into both

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